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aircraft, the at least one landing tube comprising an inner surface, an outer surface, a top end and an open bottom end, an inflatable exit slide positioned at the open bottom end of the landing tube, an air source connected to the landing tube and the exit slide for inflating the landing tube and the slide to an optimum pressure, and plural connectors positioned on the landing tube for coupling the landing tube to the aircraft, at least one entry port leading into the landing tube, and plural flexible retarders extending inward from the inner surface of the landing tube for retarding gravitational descent of cargo and personnel from the aircraft.

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39. (Amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising slide smocks for covering the cargo and the personnel to reduce possibility of snags during descent.
